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LIVING A FULL LIFE

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: Richard I. Palmer, a member of Berkeley ward, is doing graduate work at the University of California, where he currently holds the Willard Dawson Thompson memorial scholarship. He was born at Cedar City, Utah, in 1915, a son of William R. Palmer, president of the Parowan Stake. He received his bachelor's degree from the U.S.A.C. in 1938, was married to LaPriel Hanson in the Salt Lake Temple shortly thereafter. He has been very active in Church work in various capacities.)

In these days of uncertainty many people, including myself, find that they are groping for something which they can grasp and to which they can anchor themselves. Some of us are looking for economic security, some for moral guidance, some for social connections; and, yes, some of us are even attempting to find God in the hope that in so doing we will be able to live a full life through adherence to the principles that His name and that of His son Jesus Christ stand for. This evening it will be my intent to discuss some of the questions which have confronted me in the hope that the conclusions I have reached may be of interest and possibly of help to some few of the audience in their gropings.

Just now there are three things of which I am certain: First, that I am here with you this evening; Second, that I am alive; and, third that some day my mortal existence must end. The two most important are life and death and so since we are confronted with the particular problem of getting the most out of a limited mortal existence I thought that I might briefly discuss how I believe we might live the happiest, richest and fullest lives.

Before we can say we are living a full life we must ask ourselves what we mean when we say that we are attempting to live a full human life.

In the first place to be human involves the ability to reflect. It is this quality that distinguishes us from other animals. In the second instance, to be human involves the ability to evaluate, to reach a decision based upon the mental processes of thought and reflection. Lastly, to be human involves the ability to take some form of action based upon the results of our reflections and attempted evaluation.

It is clear from the beginning, therefore, that a concept such as the above requires freedom. The negative type of freedom which guarantees against discrimination on account of race, color and creed; which guarantees freedom of speech, freedom of contract, freedom of assembly, freedom of the press, freedom of worship and the like, although important, is not enough. Negative freedom does not insure a good life or a full life. For example: If negative freedom such as the type mentioned were all that is required we would expect to find little or no crime in a country such as ours where the constitution and other laws guarantee to each of us these so-called inalienable rights.

But we do have crime and so we must conclude that negative freedom is not enough,

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CHURCH-WIDE CENSUS AND FAMILY GROUP RECORD

The Genealogical societies of the Church have undertaken as their big project for 1940, the completion of a Church-wide census and family group record. Plans are under way in Oakland Stake for the early completion of this work under the supervision of the Stake Genealogical Society, Alfred E. H. Cardwell, chairman. Each ward and branch will be organized with a chapter of the society to be officered by two or more individuals who will have active charge of taking the census. These officers will visit the homes of all members and obtain the necessary data to fill out family group record sheets. When these sheets have been completed they will be turned over to the Stake committee who will check them for accuracy. One complete set will be made and sent for filing in the Church archives; another will remain as a Stake record, and a third will be returned to the respective wards and branches. These records will be of inestimable value both to the Church and the individual. Cooperation of all our members is urged so that the task of completing this gigantic project may proceed smoothly and speedily.

AARONIC PRIESTHOOD TO COMMEMORATE RESTORATION

Aaronic priesthood quorums of the Stake will commemorate the restoration of the Aaronic priesthood with a day's outing on May 30, visiting Mare Island navy yard and Napa branch. Members will gather at designated places in their respective wards early in the morning, whence they will be taken by automobile to Vallejo, meeting at a point to be designated at 9:45 a.m. A trip through the navy yard will consume the time from 10 to 12, with luncheon in the park at the island. Each should bring his own lunch. The caravan will go thence to Napa whose Aaronic priesthood quorums will act as hosts. A program will there be held in honor of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon. Following this hot dogs and soda pop will be supplied, after which an activity program of softball, vanball, horseshoes, etc., will take up the time until early evening, when the return trip will be commenced.

The restoration will also be observed in the various wards on Sunday evening, May 19, with the Aaronic priesthood quorums furnishing the programs. This is the regular High Council night, and High Council visitors will be in attendance as observers and for such assistance as is needed, but the entire theme of the evening will be the restoration of the Aaronic priesthood.

MARCH POPULATION FIGURES RELEASED

The population of Oakland Stake as of March 31 is 4884 souls. This is an increase of 213 since December 31, 1939, and makes the Stake's present population 10 more than the population of San Francisco Stake at the time Oakland Stake was created in December, 1934. The old San Francisco Stake was divided then into two, with Oakland having a population of 3070 and San Francisco 1804. Thus we have grown in five and a quarter years by some 1814 souls, an annual increase of over 11.5 per cent.

STAKE CONFERENCE MAY 11 AND 12

The regular quarterly conference of Oakland Stake will convene on Saturday and Sunday, May 11 and 12. One or more of the general authorities will be here, probably a member of the presiding bishopric. This will be an Aaronic priesthood conference. It will convene in a general priesthood meeting on Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m. All members of both branches of the priesthood are urged to be present.

A welfare meeting has been scheduled for Sunday morning at 9 a.m., which should be attended by Stake and ward welfare workers, bishops and heads of relief societies. There will be three regular sessions on Sunday, at 10, at 2 and at 7. The last session will, as usual, be under the direction of the M.I.A.

M. I. A. SUMMER PROGRAM

Stake and ward boards of the M.I.A. are collaborating to provide a summer recreational and educational program for the membership which will have something doing practically every week. Weekly lesson work will, of course, be suspended, but the weekly meetings will be held in each ward as usual, with something new doing each time. While plans are not yet completed and full details will be announced later, it is probable that these meetings will dispense with separation into groups and in lieu thereof there will be group participation in each activity. To "spell off" the fun, special lectures and discussions will be had from time to time in subjects of interest.

To provide the highlights the Stake Board is arranging at least one Stake-wide gathering for each summer month. On June 21 this will take the form of a semi-formal party at Berkeley ward; on July 24 a fitting celebration of Pioneer Day will be held, to be followed on July 26 with a Pioneer ball, place and details to be announced. The grand culmination of the summer activities will be had at a summer frolic on August 23. Watch THE MESSENGER for details.

SALE OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Beginning about the middle of May there will be on sale at the Stake Welfare Center, 9835 Gould Street, Oakland, various items of household goods and miscellaneous articles. Preference will be given to those holding work certificates.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday evening, May 7 — M.I.A. Theme Festival, held in Berkeley Ward Chapel.

Saturday and Sunday, May 11, 12 — Regular quarterly conference, featuring Aaronic priesthood.

Sunday evening, May 19 — Ward programs commemorating restoration of Aaronic priesthood.

Thursday, May 30 — Aaronic priesthood outing to Mare Island, etc., commemorating restoration.

Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2 — Annual Youth Conference, M-Men and Gleaners at Sacramento.

June 7, 8, 9 — Annual Primary-M.I.A. conference convention, Salt Lake City.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he
will prepare the way before me; and the Lord
whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his
temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

"Verily I say unto you, it shall come to
pass that all those who gather unto the land
of Zion shall be tithed of their surplus prop-
erties, and shall observe this law, or they shall
not be found worthy to abide among you."

"And I say unto you, if my people ob-
serve not this law, to keep it holy, and by this
law sanctify the land of Zion unto me, that
my statutes and my judgments may be kept
thereon, that it may be most holy, behold,
verily I say unto you, it shall not be a land
of Zion unto you." Doctrine and Covenants,
Sec. 119.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
that there may be meat in mine house, and
prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of
hosts, if I will not open you the windows of
heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that
there shall not be room enough to receive it."
Malachi, 3:10.

"I, the Lord, am bound when ye do what
I say; but when ye do not what I say ye
have no promise." Doctrine and Covenants,
119:10.

We are requested to teach tithing in May.
There is nothing so refreshing at times as to
get back to fundamentals, so we offer the
foregoing verses for the serious consideration
of our readers.

Somehow the idea seems to have gotten
around that this law of tithing is an indi-
vidual matter, a free will offering which an
individual may make or not make as he may
elect, and with a considerable degree of im-
punity from consequences. To any who enter-
tain such an idea we suggest a comparison
between the revelation on tithing and that on
the word of wisdom. The latter was originally
given "not by way of commandment" but as
a word of advice. Not so the law of tithing.
It is definite, positive; and the respective re-
wards to those who do and do not observe it
are equally definite and positive. True, there
is no compulsion, and to that extent it is a
free will offering. It lies between one's con-

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science and one's God. We are, as it were,
placed upon our honor. But sooner or later,
as the night follows the day, there will be a
reckoning. All around us we see the signs of
that day rapidly approaching. Where will
we be when it arrives? We conclude with the
following anonymous verse which seems most
appropriate:

You are writing a book,
A chapter each day—
By the deeds that you do
And the words that you say.
Men are reading this book,
Whether faithful or true—
Friend, what is the Gospel
According to you?

OAKLAND STAKE HAS LARGE DELEGATION AT APRIL CONFERENCE

Some thirty people from the East Bay were
in attendance at the annual April conference.
Among these were Presidents Hilton and Har-
mon and their wives; Bishop and Mrs. Milton
P. Ream; Mrs. Anna Ellsworth and Maybelle
Anderson of the Relief Society Stake Board;
Bishop and Mrs. Jesse R. Farr, Bishop and
Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire; Peter Borup; and
Don Allphin of the High Council. It is re-
ported that all enjoyed a spiritual feast; the
meetings were record-breaking. The Saturday
evening priesthood meeting and the Sunday
morning sessions were the largest ever held
thus far, with almost as many outside the
Tabernacle as in it. It would seem that the
time is almost here when a much larger meet-
ing place must be provided.

RELIEF SOCIETY NOTES

Amy Brown Lyman, president of Latter-day
Saints Relief societies gave notice at the re-
cent conference that our program is going to
be simplified. One step in that direction is
shortening the lesson season each year to eight
months. However, visiting, teaching with
work and business are to continue uninter-
rupted throughout the year.

We feel that all Relief Society people will
be interested to know that the wheat fund,
held in trust by the Presiding Bishop's office
since the World War, has again been put to
the use of buying and storing wheat.

Our "Exhibit Day" is here again—May 18
—at the close of our lesson season, we plan
as a Stake to celebrate. The Stake Board will
hold open house for the public from 3 to 8
o'clock p.m., May 18, in the recreation hall
at Moss and Webster Chapel. Here we will
be able to see something new in the art of
display embodied in an exhibit of work from
each ward. The Fashion Show, as well as a
demonstration of technical points in sewing,
will also be highlights of the afternoon's ce-
lebration. In the evening—from 8 till 9:30 the
combined Relief Society choruses will enter-
tain with a concert, accompanied by a drama-
tic presentation of "The Nightingale," ar-
ranged from Anderson's story of that name.
Everybody is invited. We hope to see you and
you with us.

THE MESSENGER HAS TWINS—ALMOST

Anyway they're all in the family, even if
not exactly twins—that is, in THE MESSEN-
GER family. And so we justly take credit for
the exciting things which happened at the
East Oakland Hospital on April 14. First
was the arrival of Miss Susan Boyack, infant
daughter of our amiable associate editor,
Clifton D. Boyack. She arrived in the morn-
ing. In the afternoon came Miss Judith Cun-
ningham, first child of Mrs. Beatrice Stock
Cunningham, former reporter from Elmhurst
ward. Truly are members of THE MESSENGER
staff contributing their part to the growth of
Zion!

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Query: Are you really anxious to aid
the Church in its efforts to advance and
to accomplish the glorious purposes God
has outlined for it?

Answer: Without hesitation and al-
most without dissent the replies echo:
"Why yes, of course." However, be-
tween "acceptance in principle" and
unfailing faithful application of, the
principle in our lives, is, we are sorry to
relate, a yawning gulf. In this connec-
tion several pertinent scriptures come
to mind: "To him who knoweth to do
good and doeth it not, to him it is
sin." "In vain do ye say unto me Lord,
Lord, and do not the things I com-
mand you."

In the above quotation notice how the
Master placed emphasis on the word
"do." For those who have been intend-
ing to more fully adjust their lives to
the gospel which they have embraced,
we submit that there is no available
time so good as now. Good intentions
are but a necessary first step. The sage
who observed that "the road to hell is
paved with good intentions" knew
whereof he spoke. We have observed
many people fall away by following
this practice of "knowing and doing
not." True faith is demonstrated only
when appropriate faithful action fol-
lows mental acceptance of a truth.

The viewpoint here sketched can
honestly be applied to any principle of
the gospel. We urge that every mem-
ber of the Oakland Stake, young and
old, rich and poor, apply it with dili-
gence and without further delay in two
vital fields where measurement is easy
and where we can really test ourselves.
We refer to tithing and past offerings.

If you aren't doing your part in
these matters you can easily frame ex-
cuses for your neglect. The devil will
smile as he prompts you to make up
some that really sound good. Yes, obe-
dience to these laws involves sacrifice.
True, that is one of the main reasons
why they have been given. In this life
we are to be tested. These two laws
measure very accurately the real love
we have for the work of God and our
fellow man.

Think of what could be done to ad-
vance the truth if these two laws were
faithfully observed!

Request: As your Presidency we most
earnestly urge each of you to search your
own soul and answer truthfully how
nearly you are applying the Gospel of
Christ in your life. If you find need for
reformation we appeal to you to demon-
strate your valiant concern for this
greatest of all good causes by doing
promptly and fully your part.

Faithfully your brethren,
EUGENE HILTON,
W. GLEN HARMON,
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

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WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR MAY, 1940

The Privilege of Paying Tithing

During the month of May every organization
and every member of the Church are expected
to give serious consideration to the subject of
tithing. This annual campaign is intended to
direct the attention of Latter-day Saints to a
definite obligation and a blessed privilege—the
privilege of assisting in the building of Zion,
in the development of the Church, in erecting
Temples and other Church buildings, and in
carrying the Gospel message to the ends of
the earth.

While Latter-day Saints are under obliga-
tion to contribute to the sustenance of the
Church, the obligation coming as a direct com-
mandment through revelation, it is nevertheless
a glorious privilege. As a privilege, it is near
to the hearts of those who fully understand the
Gospel and are living according to its teachings.
In its personal application it is a privilege
in that it opens the way to countless blessings
—not that the promised blessings can be pur-
chased with money, but that the blessings can
be secured by everyone through obedience to
the law, through paying an honest tithing in
the true spirit of tithing, through acceptance of
the principle as given in the revelations.

When tithing is paid, all who are in any
way involved in the transaction are blessed:
the individual, through not only the blessings
which come from above but also through the
operation of a natural law. He who keeps
careful account of his increase, who makes
provision for and pays one-tenth of his income,
becomes a better manager of his finances and
is better able to direct the expenditure of the
nine-tenths left for himself.

The family whose husband and father is a
faithful tithpayer benefits by sharing in the
blessings which are promised and through be-
ing taught thrift, economy and honesty.

The Church benefits by having means pro-
vided for carrying on its work, for expanding
its organization, for extending the blessings of
the Gospel to countless thousands.

Tithing is God's law of revenue for the
Church. As a law it applies to every member
of the Church alike. The blessings, likewise,
are promised to all who obey.—(April "Era,"
page 235.)

FORMER PRESIDENT HONORED BY CALIFORNIA MISSION RELIEF SOCIETY

Mrs. Florence G. Smith, wife of Nicholas G.
Smith, who served as president of the Mission
Relief Society while her husband was presi-
dent of the California Mission, was signally
honored during the April conference through
the presentation of an oil portrait of herself
to the Salt Lake Temple. Her husband is a
member of the Temple presidency. The pre-
sentation was by Mrs. Nellie Macdonald, now
head of the Relief Society of the California
Mission. The painting was from the brush of
the well-known Utah artist, L. A. Ramsey,
now residing in Los Angeles. President
Stephen L. Chipman of the Temple accepted
the gift in a short talk.

CLAREMONT EXPLORERS WIN VANBALL TOURNAMENT

After a double round of playing, in which
each team met other ward teams twice, the
Claremont ward Explorer vanball team
finally came out on top to win the first annual
Oakland Stake vanball tournament. They will
be awarded the Stake pennant at the M.I.A.
session of the quarterly conference this month.
The tournament was played without a default
and many interesting games went to deuce be-
fore the winner was decided. However, the
Claremont boys never dropped a game
through the tournament. The final team
standing follows:

Ward	Matches lost	Matches won
Claremont.....	0	4
Elmhurst.....	2	2
Dimond.....	4	0

Plans are already under way for the next
year's vanball tournament which will start
early in the fall. Local Stake officers hope to
send a team back to the church finals next
year to represent our Stake. The tournament
was sponsored by the Stake Scout-Explorer
committee.

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something more than this passive type of free-
dom is required. We need positive freedom as
well, a freedom that directs us, feeds us as
it were, in the search for what I shall call
life's intrinsic values; namely, those qualities
or values of truth, goodness, beauty and holi-
ness. These are the ends to which all other
things must be directed. Health for health's
sake is of no value and knowledge for the
pure love of knowledge is of little intrinsic
worth. These things are of value only insofar
as they enable us to attain the aforemen-
tioned goals.

Let me explain. Truth as I have conceived
it is not merely a moral virtue but it must be ex-
tended to include all of those propositions,
axioms, judgments and the like which con-
form to what is, which conform to what has
been, or which conform to what must be; as
for example, the truths of science. We must
be trained to discover truth, to recognize
truths, and, if necessary, to rediscover truths
if we are to live a full life. It was John who
aptly said, "Ye shall know the truth and the
truth shall make ye free."

By beauty I mean that perfection in the
sensuous order, and by extension, in the spir-
itual order as well, which excites admiration
or delight for itself rather than for its uses. I
mean that quality or aggregate of qualities
which gives pleasure to the senses or which
pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit such as
art, music, drama and the like. If we are to
be happy we must train ourselves to recognize,
appreciate and create things which are of
beauty and hence of intrinsic value.

Besides truth and beauty, goodness is also
essential to the full life. Perhaps what I call
goodness, some will call virtue. I hesitate,
however, to use the latter term since it is too
often associated with moral excellence or

chastity only. I am suggesting the word
goodness in order to avoid this confusion.
Goodness generally refers to all that virtue
does and it also suggests something more. It
suggests the inherent quality and the more
human and kindly moral attributes. I would
say that faith, hope, temperance, justice, pru-
dence, charity and fortitude are all charac-
teristics of goodness and would maintain that
these qualities are essential to the full life.

Finally, I suggest that holiness must be con-
sidered as a quality requisite to the full hu-
man life. Righteousness differs from holiness in
that it connotes unswerving rectitude or
conformity to the divine law rather than
spiritual purity or freedom from sin. Holiness
suggests something set apart to the worship
of God, something hallowed or sacred. It sug-
gests adoration and veneration. It is fre-
quently associated with Christ or the events
of his life. It suggests that quality, or qual-
ities, which come only to that person, or per-
sons, who have attained a testimony in the
worth of God and His teachings. It is this
quality which, more than any other one, most
of us find ourselves lacking. Yet none is more
important, for religion, (holiness,) is needed
more than any other thing to overcome the
seductive and evil sides of human nature.

These qualities of beauty, truth, goodness
and holiness are the ends to which we must
strive. Alone, constitutional guarantees of
freedom do not insure full lives or happy
lives. Something more is needed before we
will attain the goal of full and happy living.
We must have inspirational leadership and
guidance, and a clear vision of the end—
THE INTRINSIC VALUES, which we are
seeking.

May the Lord help us all to attain the goals
of perfection we are seeking is my prayer. I
ask for these blessings in the name of Jesus
Christ, Amen.

CLUBHOUSE TRANSFORMED INTO CHAPEL

Considerable publicity in the press has been
received by the Orange Grove ward in Los An-
geles over its "new" chapel, a transformed coun-
try clubhouse at the head of Orange Grove ave-
nue. An assembly hall seating about 400 has been
created from the auditorium-ballroom of the erst-
while clubhouse. Classes will meet in small rooms
on an upper floor. San Fernando valley spreads
in panoramic view from the large recreation room
at the front and side of the chapel. Kitchen and
dining room have been modernized.

Members of the Stake have been concentrat-
ing on the basement, to be fitted up as a ware-
house and dispensary for the welfare work. The
property was purchased for \$15,000, and an addi-
tional \$15,000 will be expended to complete the
project.

PIANO RECITAL

Pupils of Mabel Bowerbank, pianist, will be
heard in recital at the Chapel of the Chimes
Monday evening, May 27, 8 p.m. An invita-
tion to all MESSENGER readers is cordially ex-
tended.

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ONE WHO KNEW THE PROPHET

By ISAAC B. BALL

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh installment of a short biography of Joseph Mayberry, father of sister Josephine Mayberry Braley, of Claremont ward. Another installment will appear in an early issue.)

The last installment ended with the story the opening of the stately Nauvoo Temple by the heroic saints, and their hurried efforts to secure endowments in the face of darkening hate clouds threatening bloody persecutions and possibly eviction from their beloved "City Beautiful" on the Father of Waters. All this as of the spring of 1845.

The biography speaks ominously of the mob's being "very troublesome," and of "preparations being made for all to leave as soon as possible, crossing over into Iowa, and there awaiting the arrival of Brigham." Since "all could not leave at once, as many were sick, aged, crippled, and without financial and personal assistance, we had been called upon to contribute all provisions we could possibly spare." Some of this was to be sent to those who had gone in advance. "Consequently we found ourselves among those who were called upon to remain and bring up the 'rear guard' so to speak. My brother, Gabriel, was chosen to go with one of the first companies, as a representative of the family, to prepare a home for us in the west. He was then twenty-five. It was hard for us to be separated since we did not know whether we would ever see one another again—he going into the wilderness among savages and we remaining surrounded by a howling mob." But with a "Good-bye" and a "God-bless-you" we sent him on his way with Brigham Young and company to Winter Quarters in March of 1846.

Spring was now upon them. And since they were forced by circumstances to remain still longer, they began planting crops, altho previously they had been advised not to plant this spring. The impatient and heartless mob continuously reminded them that it was now six months past since the saints had promised to leave the state. Depredations of the mob were frequent so that they lived in constant fear of losing their lives, day and night.

Our biographer, Joseph Mayberry, records of himself and brothers who thus were there in doomed Nauvoo to help the helpless prepare to leave as soon as it was possible, "I was now 22, David was 21, while Thomas was 16 years of age. We had been ordained Seventy and called 'Minute Men' since we were to be always ready to perform any church duty at any time. Captain Moses Meacham, appointed to have charge of the work of sending provisions to the advanced saints in Iowa, called ten men to go to Missouri early in the spring of 1846 to work for corn. My brother Thomas, then 16, and I were chosen to go. After working about two months we returned to our homes in Nauvoo in May, 1846, giving all the corn we had earned to be forwarded to those ahead, since we expected to remain and to harvest our crops."

May we not pause to remark that here was a Church "Social Security Program" in very deed among these struggling saints—each for all and all for each.

Now arose another critical situation in Nauvoo. "The mob had stolen and killed our hogs, expecting to find sale as heretofore among the destitute saints. Captain Meacham called for ten of the best men available to go to reclaim the meat. It belonged to us and we sorely needed it to sustain life. Among the ten chosen were David, my brother, and I. We were advised to go quickly since, if the mob caught us, it meant almost certain death, and from past experiences we believed this to be true. No one thought of refusing to go on account of the risks and danger involved. The call had come. The necessity was imminent. And we went."

"While on this mission the mob came upon us suddenly, though all escaped except David who was so engrossed with the task assigned him that he was oblivious to the entrance of the mob upon the scene until he was seized by them. He expected to forfeit his life. Some were in favor of immediate execution; others were for a mock trial which resulted in a five years sentence in prison, which sentence was revoked because of a dispute among themselves. And so he was turned loose with a threat of certain death if he was caught again—a threat which was later sadly fulfilled."

THE JOHNSONS LEAVE FOR PARTS UNKNOWN

Claiming that with the invasion of Norway things were getting too hot for the Swedes, President J. Edward Johnson and wife duly farmed out their children and their home and on May 1 departed for parts unknown. Which is another way of saying that they don't know where they're going but they're on their way. Pressed for more definite information all your reporter could elicit was that they expect to do a certain amount of roamin' in the gloamin' for the next six weeks, which will take them all over the United States and maybe into Canada. Only one thing is certain: they won't include Scandinavia in the itinerary.

THE ERA CAMPAIGN

Latest information upon the state of the drive for subscriptions to "The Era" shows Oakland Stake nineteenth in its group with 91 per cent of its quota. Los Angeles leads this group with 161 per cent. California Mission stands seventh with 108.7 per cent. In Group A, San Francisco stands sixth with 143.3 per cent.

THE PHILADELPHIA MISSIONARY

Through the courtesy of President George E. Southgate of the High Priests' Quorum, THE MESSENGER has been the recipient of several copies of *The Philadelphia Missionary*, a monthly publication of the Philadelphia Branch of the Church. Printed on a mimeograph, and profusely illustrated with pen and ink drawings, it is a most creditable publication. A. E. Southgate is editor.

MAXWELL PARK WARD

Services Held in Masonic Hall, Corner Foothill Boulevard and Mason Street

There were thirty-seven members attended Relief Society meeting Tuesday. We were happy to have sister Ruth Hilton of the Stake Relief Society Board present to give our literary lesson.

Mrs. Diantha Newton has been very ill for the past three weeks. Her condition is somewhat improved.

Mrs. Perry Earl has returned home from Salt Lake City where she attended conference.

Thomas Booth has been selected as chorister of Maxwell Park ward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lee of Quincy, California, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Brossard, visited with them this week.

RICHMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel, Corner 28th Street and Nevin Avenue, Richmond

Jack Dewsnup was pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening, April 3, when the Mutual officers and teachers and the M-Men and Gleaners gathered at his home and presented him with personal gifts to take along on his mission. Games and refreshments were enjoyed by thirty.

The farewell program for Jack was held Tuesday evening April 9. A very inspiring program was given after which dancing was enjoyed. A pen and pencil set, a leather briefcase, a diary, and a three-in-one book (Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, and Pearl of Great Price) were given to him by the different organizations of the ward. Jack left April 11 for the East Central States Mission. He is the first missionary to leave from Richmond ward and we all wish him godspeed.

The Book of Mormon Sunday School class enjoyed a party at the home of Miss Orvilla Stanger on April 12.

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The Bee Hive Girls held a very interesting program honoring the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization. Blanche Harmon and Ada Zundel were in charge of the program.

A stork shower was given Friday evening, April 12, honoring Mrs. Leon Edlefsen. A nice crowd attended and many lovely gifts were received.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Layton and two sons have been vacationing for a couple of weeks. The monthly Daughters of Pioneer's camp meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Beesley.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

A very interesting and edifying program was presented by the junior genealogy group on March 31. The program was under the direction of advisor Alma Dean Erickson and was carried out in speeches, music and song by the members of the club. Many interesting things were told by the girls about compiling their "Books of Remembrance" and genealogical records.

Don C. Wood of the Stake High Council, was the speaker at the April M. I. A. con-joint.

At the March 31 meeting of the Deseret club Sheldon Erickson and Lynn Knight presented the subject, "Racial Differences." Following the presentation was an open forum discussion by members of the club.

The good old college spirit was the theme of the last budget dance held in Berkeley. Lynn Knight and his committee of collegiates created the college atmosphere through unique decorations, original skits, and unusual refreshments. Seth Lloyd's "Knights of Melody" entered into the spirit of the affair with appropriate music.

The Sunday evening service of March 14 was given under the direction of the Elders' Quorum. Dick Palmer, of the Elders' Quorum, spoke in a very interesting manner on the subject, "How to live a fuller life." Special music was given by the choir. Orthella Hughes, accompanied by Karleton Driggs, organist, and Francell Larson, violinist, sang "Come to Me" by Beethoven. The guest speaker of the evening was Oscar Kirkham, deputy regional executive of Region 12, Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Kirkham had been in attendance at the Scouters training conference held at Camp Herms and brought to us the highlights of that conference. In his conclusion Mr. Kirkham left this thought with us, "It is great to expect the good in everyone."

The annual dinner of Troop 8, Boy Scouts of America, was held April 12 in the recreation hall under the direction of Scoutmasters Dr. Knight and La Varn Thomas, and the Troop committee. Distinguished guests at this affair were Prof. W. B. Herms, president of the Berkeley Contra Costa area council; Victor Lindblad, executive of the Berkeley-Contra Costa area; Paul Dean, field executive of Berkeley and Albany; Harry Tinstman and A. K. McLean, commissioners; and Oscar Kirkham, deputy regional executive of Region 12. Mr. Kirkham was the speaker of the evening and spoke on the ideals of Scouting as applied to the life and actions of Latter-day Saint boys. Music was furnished during the dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Laurence, violinists and Mary Russell, pianist.

Much praise and recognition should be given to Mrs. Delbert H. Rock and the other Scout mothers who furnished a most delicious dinner served in honor of the boys. The table decorations were furnished by Mrs. David Moosman and Mrs. W. V. Pinney.

Mrs. E. G. Ogden of Salt Lake City was a recent visitor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Knight.

Mrs. Frank Fullmer of Salt Lake City is the guest of her sister, Mrs. I. B. Ball.

Mrs. Fenton Gray of Logan, Utah, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hortense Carpenter.

Among Berkeleyans who attended conference in Salt Lake City were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Farr, Mrs. Anna Ellsworth, Mr. and Mrs. David Cummings.

Under the direction of the Lambda Delta Sigma, Mr. Carrian, of Neldam's Danish bakery, gave a very interesting and beautiful demonstration of cake decorations. Many unique and decorative designs of cakes for special occasions were exhibited.

Prof. M. W. Poulson was the speaker at the Deseret club on Sunday, April 21. Prof. Poulson is doing graduate work at University of California and Stanford. He is on leave of absence from B.Y.U. at Provo, Utah, where he is a professor of psychology.

At the regular Sunday evening sacrament service of April 21, the speakers were Don J. Allphin and John C. Stirrat of the High Council. Special musical numbers by the choir, "Come Saints of Latter Days," was rendered under the direction of choir leader Seth Lloyd. Olive Neilson, accompanied by Fredonia Neilson, sang "Hear Oh Ye Israel" from "The Elijah."

Rehearsals for the Berkeley M.I.A. play are well under way. Look forward to seeing "The Meanest Man in the World" on May 10. Save the date! This is going to be good.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park St. and Santa Clara Ave., Alameda

Bishop Jensen wishes to thank all those who helped make the reunion dinner a great success, which adds more than \$100.00 to our Building Fund. Let us keep our shoulder to the wheel and push forward to our goal.

Scoutmaster Carver has 14 boys going up for advancement in the Scout troupe. On May 6, Court of Honor will be held for the Scouts.

The Primary organization wishes to thank all those who helped to make the trip through the Chapel of the Chimes a success, bringing us a step closer to our own chapel.

Mark R. Howcroft was sustained as advisor of the Deacons Quorum in the Ward Aaronic priesthood committee.

Mutual is having their Theme Festival on April 29 for the closing of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crandall and their two sons, Keith and Jerry, had a very educational and enjoyable vacation visiting Boulder Dam

and Death Valley during the Easter week.

We wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Francis Winkle to our ward.

Mr. Peter Borup and Mrs. Hindle visited friends and relatives during their stay in Salt Lake City while attending conference.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

Margaret Owens is reviewing "The Bent Twig," by Dorothy Cantfield Fisher. The book was recommended by the General Board of the Relief Society.

May 14 the Primary will hold their annual conference and Spring Festival. All the dancing and singing will be by the children and will follow the outline given by the General Board.

Under the supervision of the Mutual three young ladies are organizing a girls trio. They are Marjorie Wood, Lois Duran, and Ruth Tarter. Marjorie Wood will be the accom-pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Young returned from visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Compton, formerly of this ward, but now living in Burbank, California. Marie Compton is Mr. and Mrs. Young's niece.

Friday, April 13, the Gospel Message Class held a swimming party at the Richmond Plunge. Following the swimming a wienie roast was held at the home of Lois Moore.

During the month of April both Bishop Chase and William Carr, received injuries to their legs. Bishop Chase's leg is much better, but William Carr is still on crutches.

April 26, at the home of Lourine Ellis, the Gleaner Girls held a party. Lourine Ellis is one of the supervisors of the Gleaners for the Stake. Beverly Duran, president of the class, and Norma Bickmore and Norma Lowry were on the committee.

April 15 Helen Clovis and Fae Bromley held a baby shower for Lucille Jeffries. A play pen was presented to Lucille. It was held at the home of Fae Bromley.

The Sunday sacrament meeting was presented by Don Wood, Sr., and family. The music was by Marjorie and Don Wood, Jr.

April 16 for the assembly program of Mutual, visiting talent was displayed by Reid Stone at the piano and Bud Stone with his saxophone.

The Sunday School held a party at the Oaks Theater April 25 and 26.

Friday, April 20 the Sunday School had an officers' and teachers' meeting and social at the home of Dave Gaisford. Teachers intro-

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duced were Beverly Duran, Don Rouson, Norma Lowry and Norma Bickmore. After the meeting the teachers proved their ability in the unscrambling of Biblical names and in rhythm. Mrs. La Verne Gaisford then served refreshments.

Due to the success of the "Claremont Capers" held in Berkeley ward, it was repeated later on at Elmhurst ward, for the benefit of Maxwell Park ward and Claremont. Both wards wish to thank Dimond and Elmhurst for their cooperation and attendance.

The Family Relations group held a meeting in April at the home of Lenore Wood. The speaker was Mrs. Cameron Pearce, of the Golden State Ice Cream Company, and she spoke on diet of children.

Mrs. Margaret Colvin, wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Moroni Colvin, Sr., father and mother, just returned from Ogden, Utah, from the funeral of Moroni Colvin, Jr.

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

At the regular April baptismal services, held in the Chapel on April 6, Ray Bates and Betty Earle were baptised.

Bishop and Mrs. Milton P. Ream recently flew to Salt Lake City where they attended the general conference of the Church. Mr. Marsh, whose business made his presence in Salt Lake City co-incidental with the conference, attended the pageant given under the direction of the General Board of the Sunday School on Sunday evening. Both the Bishop and Mr. Marsh made a report of the conference at the regular sacrament meeting Sunday, April 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born April 14. Mrs. Cunningham, who before her marriage was Bea Stock, was a former contributor to THE MESSENGER from Elmhurst ward.

Dr. W. E. Hawkins of Tremonton, Utah, has been visiting with his daughter, Mrs. La Preale Moody, for the past two weeks. Dr. Hawkins was a missionary in the Bay Region in 1898.

The "Claremont Capers" was produced in the Elmhurst Chapel recently to a large and enthusiastic audience. The program, consisting of a one-act play and six acts of vaudeville, was sponsored by Maxwell Park ward, and the proceeds were split between the two wards.

The ward celebrated the completion of the decoration of the recreation hall, with a dance, which was held April 26.

On April 4, the Primary Association gave a luncheon honoring the following teachers who were taken away by the dividing of the ward: Gertrude Wood, Marvel Pearson, Rene Nethercott and Oral Wilson. Each honor guest was presented with a book as a token of appreciation for her faithful work in the Primary.

The members of the Relief Society of Elmhurst ward entertained the members of Maxwell Park ward, formerly of Elmhurst, at a luncheon and special program on the fifth Tuesday of the month. A large crowd from both wards was in attendance and the afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

Mrs. Afton Hipwell has returned from Utah, where she was called by the death

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eyring, Berkeley, a daughter, March 25.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Roland, Berkeley, a son April 9.
To Mr. and Mrs. Clifton D. Boyack, Berkeley, a daughter, April 14.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham, Elmhurst, a daughter, April 14.
To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Storey of Crockett, Richmond, a son, April 20.

BAPTISMS AND CONFIRMATIONS:

LeRoi B. Gardner, Jr., Berkeley.
Ray Bates, Elmhurst.
Betty Earle, Elmhurst.

ORDINATIONS:

Phil Bean, Berkeley, priest.
Edwin Coltrin, Berkeley, teacher.
Robert Charles Powell, Berkeley, priest.

MARRIAGES:

Mary Andrews and Jack Garfield Thacker, Berkeley.
Royd E. Lund and Jessie Beaton, Berkeley.

of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Larson and family have returned from a trip to Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. La Grande Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Skidmore have returned from a vacation trip to Utah.

We are happy to welcome the Everett T. Acor family into our ward. Mr. and Mrs. Acor and their three children formerly resided in Yuba City.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Wm. E. Potts in the death of his son, Earl, at Livermore, April 11. Mr. Potts accompanied the body to Utah for burial.

Mrs. Mabel Wadsworth and Mrs. Peggy Nott entertained the ladies of the Relief Society at the Nott home April 12.

We are pleased to know that D. T. Sanders is recuperating from a recent major operation and we hope to see him around again soon. Allen Johnson of Spanish Fork, Utah, is visiting at the home of his uncle, Einer W. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bradbury and Mr. Harley Bradbury have returned from Brigham City, Utah, where they were called by the death of their father.

April 21 at the sacrament meeting president W. G. Harmon spoke to us on his recent visit to the general conference and showed films of his trip and the conference, which were very interesting and entertaining.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

Primary Teachers' Training meeting was held April 5, at the home of Hilda Nicholas. After the regular business was conducted a party and housewarming was enjoyed and a lovely gift presented Mrs. Nicholas for her new home.

Relief Society officers' and teachers' meeting was held preceeding the regular work and business meeting, under the direction of President Ruby Larsen. The message to the home was given by class instructor Sarah Standley.

Bishop and Mrs. Alvin G. Cheshire have returned to their home from Salt Lake City, where they attended conference and visited with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Zina Muhlenbrook returned to her home from Salt Lake City, after an enjoyable trip and visit. While there she attended conference and also visited the Temple.

The Mutual dance, honoring the Queen of the Green and Gold ball, was given in the ward hall April 13.

Vallejo Scout troop No. 19, under the direction of Walter Bolander, has applied for a new charter.

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